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# Haliburton Legion's tank off for repairs

THOMAS SMITH
*Staff Reporter*

The M4-A2 tank that sits in front of the Haliburton Legion has been taken to Haliburton Crane and Cawker's Crane Rental (a division of ECS - Environmental Concrete Systems) on Gelert Road. The tank will be sandblasted, primed, repainted, and completely restored. The tank was last refurbished in 2002. Total Site Services is also assisting with the refurbishing of the tank.

"We are big supporters of the Legion and what it represents. Both of my grandparents were in the second world war," said Pat Casey, president of Total Site Services. "To let it rot away is bothersome to us." The tank sits as a reminder of the hardships and sacrifices while honouring those who fought in times of war, says Casey.

"We were going to roll it, but we were worried it might damage the treads," said Casey. Due to the age of the tank, it was decided that the tank would need some assistance. After utilizing Peterborough Crane Services with a project, Casey got them to assist with transporting the tank to its temporary home.

"It will take most of the summer," said Nick Bryant, service officer for the Haliburton Legion. "We hope to get it back before the end of October."

The M4A2 tank is nicknamed the 'Easy Eight' for the experimental eight wheeled tread design. This tank was built after 1945 and utilized horizontal volute spring suspension (HVSS). Few of the M4A2 tanks saw combat.

Mike Waller, Haliburton Legion president, and Nick Bryant stand proudly beside the tank 'Haliburton' before it is transported to an offsite yard where it will be restored. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

"I was a weapons tech in the army, so I know what happens with the top half of the tank at least," said Bryant, with a laugh.

Bryant served in the Canadian military from 1969 to 1995. Spending years in Germany, Cyprus, and all over Canada, Bryant is proud to have served with the military.

"For me, it was exactly as if I had been born for it," said Bryant. "For me, it served my purpose. I enjoyed the chaotic structure."

Five military personnel fit into the M4A2 tank. Two drivers located at the front, a crew commander, an operator, and a gunner. The crew commander sat with the gunner between his legs. The gunner could only see out of the tank through a scope.

"I'm originally from the area," said Tyler Hogan, veteran of Lord's Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadian) regiment. "This tank started my career. I knew I probably wouldn't run one of these, but I got to drive more modern ones." Hogan joined the Canadian military in 2007 and got out in 2019. He was situated at CFB Edmonton. Hogan has been working with armoured vehicles throughout his military career and has had the opportunity to refurbish two similar tanks in the past. By happenstance, Hogan was driving by the Legion with his boss when he started telling him about his previous work with tanks. Nick Bryant came out of the Legion and struck up a conversation with Hogan, who expressed interest in assisting with the restoration.

"This will be the third tank I've restored. I did one out west, but in the army I did it a lot. I'm familiar with the mechanics of it. There is a team from Borden coming out that is going to assess any usable parts out of it."

Another tank that Hogan had a hand in restoration is named Holy Roller. Holy Roller is one of two tanks that saw combat at D-Day and is currently displayed at Victoria Park in London, Ontario.

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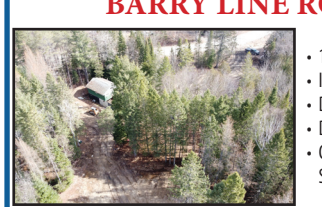

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## Going down in history

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 1974 Redmen football team hold up their awards during the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Saturday, May 25. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

The Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics Ontario Team was awarded with outstanding achievement and inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame on May 25.

Gary Brohman, left, accepted his builder award from former student Mike Bradley. Brohman was one of four builders inducted at the ceremony. For the full list of 2024 inductees, visit hhshoff.ca.

Kate Campbell, one of six athletes inducted into the HH Sports Hall of Fame on May 25, accepts her award from former track and field coaches Paul Morissette and Walter Tose.

Three rising stars were inducted into the HH Sports Hall of Fame this year. Grade 11 HHSS student Cheyenne Degeer, pictured, has accepted a Division 1 scholarship to play hockey at St Lawrence University in Canton, New York in 2025 and has played for Team Ontario at the Canadian National U18 hockey championships. Evan Backus and Owen Nicholls also received Rising Star awards. Backus achieved second place in 300m hurdles at OFSAA Track and Field last year. Nicholls is a star curler and has competed in the Canadian Winter Games, OUA Championships, and Canadian U18 championships.

# Featured artist at Home and Cottage Show: David Alexander Risk

VIVIAN COLLINGS

*Editor*

"When you have a gift, its purpose is to be given back to others," said David Alexander Risk when asked about his career of art-making and generosity.

The world-renowned Canadian artist has secured countless impressive accomplishments over the span of his career, including presenting his pieces to former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and American entertainer Bob Hope.

One was even presented to the Royal Family and now hangs in Buckingham Palace.

But, his greatest accomplishment, he said, is being a steward of the natural world and inspiring young artists to do the same.

David Alexander Risk will be the 2024 Haliburton Home and Cottage Show's special guest. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

## Born to be wild

From the very beginning, Risk said he was born with a love of nature and the desire to have a paint brush in hand.

"My mom and dad always joked that when I was in my crib as a toddler, I ended up getting my hands on some crayons and started doodling on the wall," he laughed. "They told me that I got this technique where I bounced and was able to move the crib, and I eventually drew on the whole wall. They kept that on the wall for like 17 years."

Risk said he didn't thrive in the classroom setting because he was constantly captivated by nature.

"I was always looking out the window, running to the creek at the back of the school and catching chub."

He'd fashion a fishing rod out of shoelaces, sticks, and safety pins to catch fish.

"I was always in the detention room," he chuckled.

Nature and art was always his escape.

"I'd come back into the school with frogs, bird nests, snakes in my pockets. I don't know how many times my parents were called to the school," Risk said. "I always passed my classes, but I always wanted to be out in the bush."

It was a similar story back at home.

"Mom and dad used to say I would disappear at the back of our farm where there were red tailed hawk nests. I'd climb the trees, made a tree platform, and would just sit there and watch and sketch them."

He also found a coyote den, and spent many hours observing the comings and goings of the den.

The coyote pups were left without parents, so he ended up bringing one home and raised it.

"My bedroom was always filled with aquariums, and I would sketch everything in them."

Risk came by his creativity honestly thanks to his parents.

"Dad was a great musician. He played almost every instrument from the grand piano, to harmonicas during the Second World War for the troops."

His mother sailed to Canada from England on the RMS Queen Mary at age 17.

"She used to do window dressing at fashion stores in London. She had an artistic flair because she loved doing that."

When she got to Canada, she did that for the iconic downtown Toronto Eaton's store.

One of his public school teachers supported the arts, too, and encouraged him to pursue them.

"She noticed that I loved to sit there and doodle. She gave me a 20 foot section of the wall in the classroom, and by the end of the year, it was covered with artwork."

Risk grew up in Markham, but his family owned three farms further north.

After receiving top marks in all art classes, he graduated high school and traveled to England and across Canada.

"I then ended up back home. My sister brought home one of her beautiful friends one day. She became my lovely wife."

Sharon and David Alexander moved up to Lochlin, a small hamlet in the Highlands, and never looked back.

They now own a farm in Highlands East, and raised their three now-grown children in the Highlands.

"Without the support of my wife Sharon, and without the support of my mom believing in us, I wouldn't be where I am," Risk said.

Risk said he raised show pigeons as a kid.

"We now raise Jacobins and Norwich Croppers, and I have over 100 racing pigeons."

They also keep white doves, a symbol of peace and an ode to his father who served in the Second World War and his grandfather who was a veteran of both the First and Second World Wars.

## A career of generosity

David Alexander and Sharon opened many of their own galleries over the years.

"We entered lots of art shows, and came home with best of show prizes for a number of them," Risk said.

Quickly discovering his techniques could be shared with others, he began to teach art classes.

"One door after another just kept opening for us."

He's held a gallery space in both Algonquin Park and the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre in the past, teaching generations of children how to paint by seeing.

"We put on free art classes for kids. Kids are the next generation, so we always want to encourage kids to appreciate nature and be creative."

He donated prints of his famous painting of a pair of loons, Miracle in the Making, to PolioPlus and the Toronto Don Valley Rotary Club in an effort to raise funds to immunize 3,000,000 children against polio.

The painting itself was presented to Queen Elizabeth when she traveled to Canada for the 1988 Winter Olympics, and the high-realism watercolour still hangs in Buckingham Palace.

This would be just one of many generous donations of his work for not-for-profit organizations.

"I've always seen art as a vehicle to raise funds for worthy causes. We've donated to places like Ducks Unlimited, nature organizations, Sick Kids Hospitals, the PolioPlus program, and children's camps."

He credited the printers of his work, as well.

"They're working on expensive presses with expensive paper and inks. They've always been eager to donate their time and resources. They're artists in themselves," Risk said.

The nature lover continues to get outside everyday, and creates art in five different styles under five brush names.

"They go from photo-realism, to abstracts. Whenever I found a style I liked, I would sit down, practice, and go from there."

## Home and Cottage Show

For the first time in 18 years, Risk will be at this year's Haliburton Home and Cottage Show.

"We always try to come up with different themes for all shows."

With a 30 foot booth, the far end will showcase his collection of vintage canoes.

"Then there will be a lot of the natural world paintings, so studies of birds and other animals. Then I'll have my plein air paintings on display, and then some Fauve art."

Risk has been tirelessly working day into night preparing.

"I'll be painting a very special painting while I'm there, so you'll want to come check it out," he said.

The Home and Cottage Show runs from Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2.

"We always wanted to give back skills and artwork to enrich the community," Risk said. "I always believe that everything you give always comes back, tenfold."

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# Strategy needed to counter poverty, says region's top doc

JAMES MATTHEWS

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Food insecurity is a public health issue.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, said food insecurity is defined as not having enough money to buy food.

But living in a food insecure household increases risks to people's mental health, infections, and chronic diseases. And that's a public health issue, she said.

"Food banks and charities are not a solution to this issue," Bocking said. "They help to mitigate the challenges, the problems for families impacted by it, but they're not the solution."

As many as 12.9 per cent of households in Haliburton County, 10.2 per cent of households in Kawartha Lakes, and 8.7 per cent of households in Northumberland County are considered low income and struggled to pay for rent, bills, and healthy food.

In the HKPR district area, 39.8 per cent of tenant-households spent more than 30 per cent of their income on housing.

Food costs and housing costs have increased and, despite some modest increases to some social programs, there's been little respite.

What's needed are systemic and income-related strategies that are long-term poverty reduction measures, she said. That includes adequate incomes to ensure at least a sufficient minimum standard of living, improved employment standards, increased social assistance rates, and providing a basic income guarantee.

It's a persistent problem.

"The food insecurity rate really has not changed since last year," Bocking said.

To that end, the health unit released its 2023 Nutritious Food Basket Report entitled Addressing Food Insecurity and Poverty in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine

Ridge District area.

The report highlights the struggles faced by low-income families in Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes, and Northumberland County to pay for such necessities as housing and food. Incomes and social assistance rates are not keeping up with rising costs.

Within the Nutritious Food Basket Report, public health officials compared the incomes and expenses of several household scenarios to show how much money would be left over for families and individuals after paying for housing and food.

In some scenarios, those expenses alone exceed income, leaving not enough money to pay for other basic needs like utilities, phone, internet, and medications.

"When families don't make enough money to buy food, they are food insecure," said Sarah Tsang, a registered dietitian and health equity coordinator. "These families are forced to make hard decisions like if they will buy healthy foods or pay for other basics like rent and utilities."

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>
> — Sarah Tsang, registered dietician

Public health officials estimate a family of four would have spent on average

$1,184 per month towards eating healthy in 2023. That means, if the family earns minimum wage, they would have spent 28 per cent of their income on food that meets Canada's Food Guide.

After paying for rent, that would leave them with merely a few hundred dollars to pay for other basic living expenses.

"Food insecurity is a serious social and public health problem," Tsang said. "In order to address food insecurity, we need income-based solutions that are long term and that focus on poverty reduction such as adequate incomes, improving employment standards, increasing social assistance rates, and providing basic income guarantee."

# OCNA winners announced

The OCNA award winners have been announced, and we're pleased to say the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* staff have won several awards.

The Haliburton Echo has won third place in general excellence class 1. The general excellence category reflects all parts of the paper with points awarded for ad design, classifieds, editorial content, columnists, sports section, front page design, photography, community news, etc.

In the Premier Awards category, Emily Stonehouse *Minden Times* won third place for Best Editorial in their circulation category and received an honourable mention for the Heritage category. Steve Galea won second place for columnist of the year for *Haliburton Echo* with an honourable mention to Jim Poling from the *Minden Times*. Adam Frisk won first place for best feature photo with the *Minden Times*.

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# County slams the brakes on proposed transit service

JAMES MATTHEWS

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

The possible financial hit Haliburton County could take for transit between Minden Hills and Haliburton came as a disappointment to some councillors.

The proposed service was much higher that what the county has set aside. Staff recommended the transit project be shelved until solutions can be found.

Councillor Bob Carter, Minden Hills' mayor, said when council met May 22 that he couldn't begin to put into words his disappointment at the outcome of a request for proposals (RFP) for the service.

Carter said he realized there likely wasn't universal acceptance from all of council that the transit service would suit everyone because it would only run between Minden Hills and Haliburton.

"However, you can't build a house without a foundation," Carter said. "You needed a spine to get it started and, hopefully once this was started, then it could spread out into Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands and so on.

"This is one of the things that municipalities so. Transit."

He said the transit idea had been kicked around the county council table for years with nothing constructive done about it.

The upper tier council asked in September 2023 that an RFP be issued for a pilot two-year bus transportation shuttle service between the townships.

In December 2023, county staff outlined the possible scope for the proposed service. Council supported a fixed transit route between the two communities.

The tender, which closed on April 12, drew one qualified response from the BTS Network.

The proposed service's annual cost would be $685,344 with an additional start-up cost of $45,000. The proponent is also requesting that fuel be supplied by the county.

The county currently has $182,601.52 in a Transit Reserve to support the implementation of a transit service.

Carter said that his September 2023 motion was for the county to devise "a bare bones starting point" from which a transit operation could grow.

"The idea and previous attempts often was this idealistic thought that we would be able to create everything for everybody," Carter said.

Rather, his starting point was to be a beginner's model from which the service could bloom.

"I'm disappointed that this was what was put forward," he said. "This was way more than the original concept and that's part of the reason for the cost. It also doesn't look at what the potential is in terms of ridership."

Some revenue would have been generated as it wasn't intended to be a free service, he said.

The respondent, BTS Network, outlined a fixed route service with two vehicles operating in opposing directions of each other from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. seven days a week except holidays. The proposed route had six stops in each community.

In a report written for council, Scott Ovell, the county's economic development and tourism director, said the proposal included multiple vehicle options and staff identified an eight-passenger van that had wheelchair access as the preferred option.

Alternative transit options included a fixed route transit service with stops in each community that could be booked online. Another alternative was a fully on-demand service that operated within the urban boundaries of each community.

Some Ontario municipalities have requested the provincial government take steps toward a consistent regulatory framework around ride-share services like Uber and Lyft that could maybe expand those services to rural Ontario.

Such services could possibly provide a more cost-effective transportation option.

But Carter cautioned that such services in a rural setting wouldn't fit the needs of somebody with a set doctor's appointment or those who have to go to a job. Transit with a set schedule would best serve them.

"Every day I hear about people who have difficulties with transportation," Carter said. "The idea of our taxis, the idea of these ride-share programs, they're terrific in the city."

He suggested the county form a committee to investigate ways to make a transit service happen.

"In my life if I've (been) faced with problems that I can't solve it's because I haven't worked hard enough to try to solve it," he said. "And there's a way to do it."

Gary Dyke, the county's CAO, said he wasn't surprised by the proposed price tag for the transit service. He said Carter's suggested committee would be productive, but he said the ride-share option shouldn't be dismissed outright.

"Other small rural municipalities have invested in the ride-share program to great effect," Dyke said.

The single bus concept simply doesn't work, he said. But it might work with some thought into it. Regardless, any transit has issues around accessibility that needs to be addressed.

Dyke said there's an opportunity for the county to continue forward toward a service.

"I think it is worthwhile doing it, it's just what methodology we're going to use going forward," he said.

"The idea was to create the starter kit to get something going," Carter said. "We may not be able to afford everything that we would like, but if we can get it started it will grow."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said much work has been done in the past toward establishing some sort of transit. But, given the county's geography, costs had been prohibitive.

"To my mind, at this point in time, in excess of $700,000 and I would say $700,000 that we don't have to service two of the four municipalities in the county is not appropriate," she said.

# points of view

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## Dreaming of homes and cottages

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**Editorial**

ANOTHER HOME and Cottage Show is upon us.

Things have changed a bit since the first one in 1977.

Lots of people up here own a home or cottage.

Some are fortunate enough to own both.

But others don't have either.

And nearly all local businesses serve home and cottage owners.

The county has 17,000 permanent residents, and that number triples with seasonal residents in the summer.

Of course we have a Home and Cottage Show with that population.

Owners of homes and cottages are what make Haliburton County's world turn.

There's one thing I can't ever stop my brain from doing; thinking about all perspectives at once.

Most of the people my age that work in Haliburton are either renting or living with their families.

It's *ever* so slightly harder to get your hands on real estate at this age.

It's easy for me to think about this demographic, because I am this demographic.

For me, personally, worrying about things like the septic health of my lakefront cottage or purchasing the latest riding lawn mower to trim grass on my acreage is a dream so far in the distance I can hardly see it.

And that's just the way the world is.

There isn't enough space in a 600-word editorial to unpack today's real estate economy and housing crisis.

I understand and fully accept that the show isn't historically meant for people in my situation, but hold tight until I circle back.

I'm also close with people who make their living by building homes and cottages and selling necessary products.

They're the ones working as vendors at the show, and it's one of the most important times of year for them.

Depending on who attends the show, gaining leads and making connections with other tradespeople and property owners can change the trajectory of their business year.

And then, of course, there are the home and cottage owners.

They're the target audience.

The show is for them; a one-stop-shop to find every service they might need for their properties.

But circling back… I'm also thinking a lot about what David Alexander Risk told me last week.

Accessibility is key to a good community.

He's spent most of his life making art and nature accessible to everyone.

And I really do think the Home and Cottage Show does a good job of including things that everyone can benefit from, too.

I have to commend this because, technically, they don't need to.

The 60,000 permanent and seasonal residents are enough to make a well-attended show.

Yet, organizers have gone out of their way by including things like speakers talking about our animal neighbours and how to be safe around bodies of water.

Plenty of not-for-profit organizations will be there to share the work they do in the community.

Even though I'll be dreaming of someday owning a home or cottage to be able to use all of the businesses and services Haliburton County offers, in this case, it feels OK not to have that and still live in a place that caters to those owners.

The housing crisis fight is still important, but so is the local economy.

The show fits just right into the world we live in, and we wouldn't have a town if it weren't for all the homes and cottages speckled around our lakes and nestled in the Highlands.

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## The rib cage

*lynda shadbolt*

**Green meadow**

*Tales from the great*

ALL OF us humans have a rib cage.

It is part of our skeleton that is made up of ribs. The ribs are curved, flat bones.

They are very light and strong.

They protect our internal thoracic organs and they play an important part in our breathing.

The ribs move so that the lungs can contract and expand. We all have twelve pairs of ribs, which articulate with our spine.

I don't know about you, but for a long time I kind of took my ribs for granted. But, the longer I do yoga, qigong and meditation, the more curious I become about my body.

A few years ago I stopped calling it the rib cage and instead started using the word rib basket. I thought it was a softer, kinder image to hold.

I liked the idea of my heart and lungs resting in a basket. I still use that language, however, in the past couple of weeks I have been once again contemplating the word rib cage.

Thinking about my heart, especially, being held and contained by this cage. I've had a few experiences recently where my heart has felt so full of emotion, I think I needed the cage to hold it.

To contain it in some ways. Our dog somehow got poisoned and had to be rushed to the emergency vet in Peterborough last week.

My heart was full of fear and grief in those hours. It needed something strong to hold it. I sang with the Voices Rising choir on Friday night and my heart felt so much joy and delight and expansiveness.

The joy and delight needed to be held! My dad is in acute care being treated for an infection.

My heart is tender as I visit him and listen and be a presence of love. The cage holds my heart.

As I write this article I am just home from working with a group of people living with cancer, and their caregivers at the Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre.

The staff team is incredible in the way they hold the space for the weekend.

The participants were so grateful and engaged. The whole weekend made my heart grow.

So, my point is, the ribs hold organs, help us breathe and create a strong place for our hearts to be held. We all need to take good care of the rib cage so it can do its job for our living breathing system.

Simple movements, breathing, kind visualization, a quiet prayer of gratitude and thanks are all helpful.

These days I often put my hands on my ribs and feel they move as I breathe. I sense the muscles in between the ribs expanding and lifting and settling.

Sometimes I think of the ribs like blinds on a window, opening and closing. Sliding and gliding. I attend and befriend my ribs when I first wake in the morning and just before I close my eyes as I go to sleep.

I take a few slow smooth easy breaths and a smile into the ribs and the organs and the muscles. And I give thanks for my amazing body.

# points of view

## The club service

steve galea

**Loon Tales**

ON SUNDAY, Jenn had her book club over to our house for the first time. So, I did what any middle-aged man would do. I hid in the basement.

There are plenty of reasons to hide in the basement when your spouse is hosting their book club – not the least of which is that you do not want to get asked what you think about a book you have never read. Heck, if you wanted to do that, you'd join the club.

Having said that, while I was cowering in the basement, I was also thinking about the important things I was missing out on. I mean, they had some pretty good snacks up there.

Unfortunately, Jenn's book club takes book clubbing seriously. I know this because I couldn't help but hear them break out into intelligent thoughts and multi-syllable words such as marmalade and indubitably. And, frankly, that's not the type of club I could ever see myself in.

Having said that, I also heard the irresistible siren call of the book club – the clanging of the snack tray.

That's why I have decided to start my own book club. The only difference is that mine will have the emphasis on snacks.

I know, it's a risk. There are already several book clubs in town, and I am likely to get a visit at home by enforcers from rival book clubs trying to scare me off with veiled threats like, "You sure do have a nice bookshelf here. It'd be a shame if you found six copies of *Wuthering Heights* in it."

Of course, no one wants that. But I also won't be bullied, because the book club I start is going to be cool. First off, members will have great nicknames like Dog Ear, Hardcover, and Stax. And, if there is a guy named Mark, his nickname will naturally be Book.

Also, whenever we gather, our members will ride in on souped-up library carts.

My club will also have a cool name like Hell's Readers or Sons of Literacy. And all our members will wear a patch with our library branch number.

To be clear, we will try not to infringe upon the territory of rival book clubs, but we will not shy away from a challenge either – unless it is one that requires reading.

Better still, the only books we will discuss will be ones that have already been made into movies – so long as those movies feature explosions, monkeys, gunplay, or car chases. At first, we will have just one founding group, but eventually our book club will have several other chapters that we will never get to.

Hopefully, other book clubs will respect our group and not try to cut in on our territory, which is basically the DVD section in the library and the junk food aisle at the grocery store.

Hey, Haliburton is a big place, and there is room in it for more than one book club. In fact, I'd hope that we could all live in harmony and perhaps even work together to guard against any group of ne'er do wells who form a book club that only reviews books of poetry.

I mean, I think we can all agree that the last thing Haliburton, or any community, needs is organized rhyme.

## pic *of the* past

Former Reeve of the Township of Dysart et al Murray Fearrey cuts the ribbon to open the Highlands Home and Vacation Show (now known as the Home and Cottage Show) in 1977.

## Repair Café PSA

Toss it away, no way! Did you hear, SIRCH Community Services is hosting our monthly Repair Café?

A Repair Café is a place where you can bring a broken item to be fixed by a team of volunteers for FREE while you watch and learn!

Items that are accepted include small appliances, ceramics, toys, furniture, jewelry, textiles, computers, wooden furniture, bicycles and more.

Our next date is coming up Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. but Repair Cafés for all of 2024 will take place on the first Sunday of each month at the SIRCH Bistro & Bakery, located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. Don't forget to put it on your calendar!

We are also looking for fixers and volunteers of all kinds! If you enjoy repairing things and helping others learn how, we invite you to join us as a volunteer fixer at the Repair Café.

If you're looking for more information, call SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or visit www.sirch.on.ca.

*Submitted by SIRCH Community Services*

**Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) annual road cleanup**

To kick off the summer of celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of MACA, the annual road cleanup was held on Sunday, May 19. Over 30 area folks braved the hot sun and blackflies to clear up all the roads around Long, Wenona, Negaunee and Miskwabi Lakes as well as Kennaway and Trapper's Trail Roads. Two pickup trucks full of recyclables and trash were collected. Afterward everyone enjoyed lunch and celebration cake together. /Submitted

# Doctor recruitment needs changes, council hears

JAMES MATTHEWS

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Haliburton County needs to sweeten its physician recruitment offer if it's going to turn doctors' heads from other places in Ontario.

Scott Ovell, the county's 'economic development and tourism director, said the county's guidelines are rigid when it comes to stacking funding to lure a doctors and specifying minimum years of service for prospective physicians.

"Anytime we're getting questions in that space, it just requires us to come back to council," Ovell said. "You've been very supportive of ay requests we've made.

"What we're looking for really, particularly related just to the ability to stack funding. Perhaps (offering) $50,000 in one year and subsequently $25,000 in another. And then the return to service agreement."

Those are the requests recruitment staff has received most often from prospective doctors, he said.

Ovell said those two changes in the Haliburton Doctor Recruitment Guidelines county staff would have the flexibility to make decisions and be responsive to doctors in that space.

Haliburton County started in 2012 its Physician Recruitment Incentive Program for medical students, medical graduates, and physicians.

An individual could receive $25,000 annually for up to six years if they committed to practicing in Haliburton County. There is a minimum four-year commitment. Since its inception, the program has provided $725,000 to eight physicians who have committed to practicing in the county as of the end of last year.

At the same time in 2017, County of Haliburton Doctor Recruitment Guidelines were established. To the best of staff's knowledge, these guidelines have not been revisited since they were put in place.

Physician recruitment is a highly competitive environment throughout Ontario. According to a report to council, the county provides both a solid incentive program and an attractive environment to draw doctors. But, since 2012, communities across Ontario have continued to evolve their incentive programs to meet the changing demands of physician recruitment.

As such, to ensure continued competitiveness, it is necessary for the county to review and modify its recruitment program to allow staff to be responsive when managing inquires and recruitment activities.

"I think it's quite obvious that we need some more flexibility with respect to our incentive program," said Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "It's been in place for quite some time and it's so competitive.

"I'm sure that we really do need to do something."

She said she welcomes updates to the guidelines.

The current recruitment guidelines do not permit staff the flexibility or authority to address the aforementioned situations without first coming to council to request either changes to the guidelines or to modify them on a case-by-case basis.

To better compete with other jurisdictions, it's recommended the county change its return of service minimum requirement from four to two years.

The economic development director should be granted authority over incentives to doctors. Given that county council meets every two weeks, Ovell said authority doesn't necessarily need to be delegated to the director.

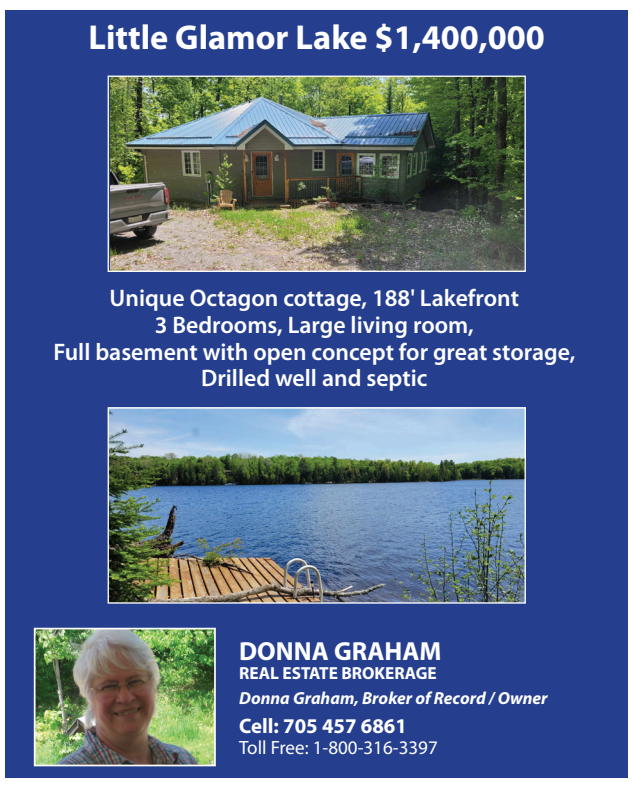
Funding should be permitted to be paid out in different amounts per year. And council needs to be updated by the physician recruitment coordinator on a quarterly basis about recruitment efforts.

Four doctors are currently accessing the county's incentive program. And the physician recruitment reserve has a balance of $185,906.

"It's always difficult to pay for things before you get them," said Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills. "Somewhere in here it says that they're (incentives) are paid out Jan. 15, so you're sort of paying for the year ahead of time."

If that's what it takes to attract physicians, that's what the county needs to do, he said.

"It's the world we live in so there's not much we can do," Carter said.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# ROMA gives voice to rural communities

JAMES MATTHEWS

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Municipalities navigate many more difficult issues today than they had in the past.

Pam Sayne, who is a representative on the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, said another hiccup with which municipal officials have to contend is a polarization in communities wrought from social media commenters.

Sayne, who is a Minden Hills township councillor, brought some highlights of ROMA's work to Haliburton County council's May 22 meeting.

Municipalities have had much work over the last four years to address homelessness, mental health issues in communities, aging, and a lot of federal and provincial concerns have been kicked down to the municipal level.

"We have a lot of challenges that are new to us," she said.

That new prominence of community polarization was recently addressed at a ROMA conference. It's a shared concern among many municipalities under the association's umbrella.

"What's so important to ROMA's work is dialogue," she said. "We can agree or disagree, but we need to continue the dialogue. And that is so fundamental to our democracy here, within our communities, and within our country as large as we are."

The association has evolved quite a bit over the years, she said, with a guiding strategic plan developed through community consultation and representation.

"We are a board of action," Sayne said.

That action is seen in the association's response to growing rural demands for broadband internet, affordable housing, and working to improve access to services in the current health care crisis.

ROMA kept the wheels turning during the COVID-19 lockdown by way of online meetings that enabled representatives to maintain connection with other rural municipalities.

"That encouraged people to keep communications going and keep in touch with what was happening with other municipalities," Sayne said. "It was a time we all managed to get through.

> ***"The amount of money that's coming from the senior levels of government into the rural areas is way less than we need and way less than, in all fairness, we should be getting."***
>
> — Councillor Bob Carter

"It left us with a brave new world of (information technology) and how we communicate and where we get our information from."

She said the group continues the work of getting their voice heard. Employing every avenue to get the association's voice heard ensures it doesn't become a trees that falls silently in the forest.

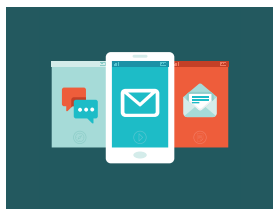
"I think it's still important sometimes just to acknowledge and say that each of us has likely noticed that our opinions and ideas are always taken more seriously when we're elected," she said.

"Sometimes nobody cares what we think until we're elected. Then, all of a sudden, it becomes an important issue."

Councillor Bob Carter, who is the mayor of Minden Hills, said ROMA's work gives rural centres a reach to obtain some of the resources such as housing funding that would typically go to the larger urban centres.

"The amount of money that's coming from the senior levels of government into the rural areas is way less than we need and way less than, in all fairness, we should be getting," Carter said.

"Many of our costs are higher because we don't have the water and sewer and infrastructure that we would have in cities or around cities. I think ROMA plays an extremely important role and we need to do all we can to continue to support it to make sure our voice is heard."



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# HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR

**June 8th 2024**

**160th ANNIVERSARY**

**Minden Fairgrounds**

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## SCHEDULE OF Events

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| 9 am: | • Fairgrounds open |
| | • Vendors, artisans, demonstrations |
| 10 am - 2 pm: | • Re/Max Balloon Rides Weather Permitting |
| 10 am: | • Corn Hole tournament |
| 10:15 am: | • Opening ceremonies with dignitaries and fair board executives |
| 10 am - 4 pm: | • Animal reader, Lacey Piper |
| | • Red Wing Farms Cattle Display |
| | • Cattle Demo Show |
| | • Beer Tent Opens - (Boshkung Brewery) |
| All Day: | • Classic & Antique Car Show |
| | • Kids Pony Rides (Little Stirrups Equine) |
| | • Curling Club: exhibits, demonstrations, woodworking and much more. |
| 2:30 pm: | • Auction |
| 3:30 pm: | • Horse pull |

*All times are subject to change*

## Main Stage

**LIVE MUSIC**

**1 pm: Country Music**

Featuring: Crystal Gage and Kurk Bernard
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11 am - 1 pm: Karaoke

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**Adults: $10**
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• Sunscreen • Hat • Bug Spray • Comfortable Footwear
• Although some vendors and artisans may have debit transactions available - it would be a good idea to bring cash as well.

**St. Johns Ambulance will be on site!**

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**THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

~ OPP, Minden Fire Department, EMS
~ Natural Resources & Smokey The Bear
~ Crafts/Quilt Displays
~ Paint a Bus
~ Fur Harvesters
~ Haliburton County Fair 50/50 Draw (Only 2400 tickets sold)
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~ Dalrymple Rabbitry/Parrot
~ Natural Resources & Smokey the Bear
~ Top Shot Hockey
~ Little Stirrups Equine Pony Rides
~ Turtle Guardians
~ Farmers Association Farm Animals
~ Kids Games
~ Durham All About Farming - Interactive Games

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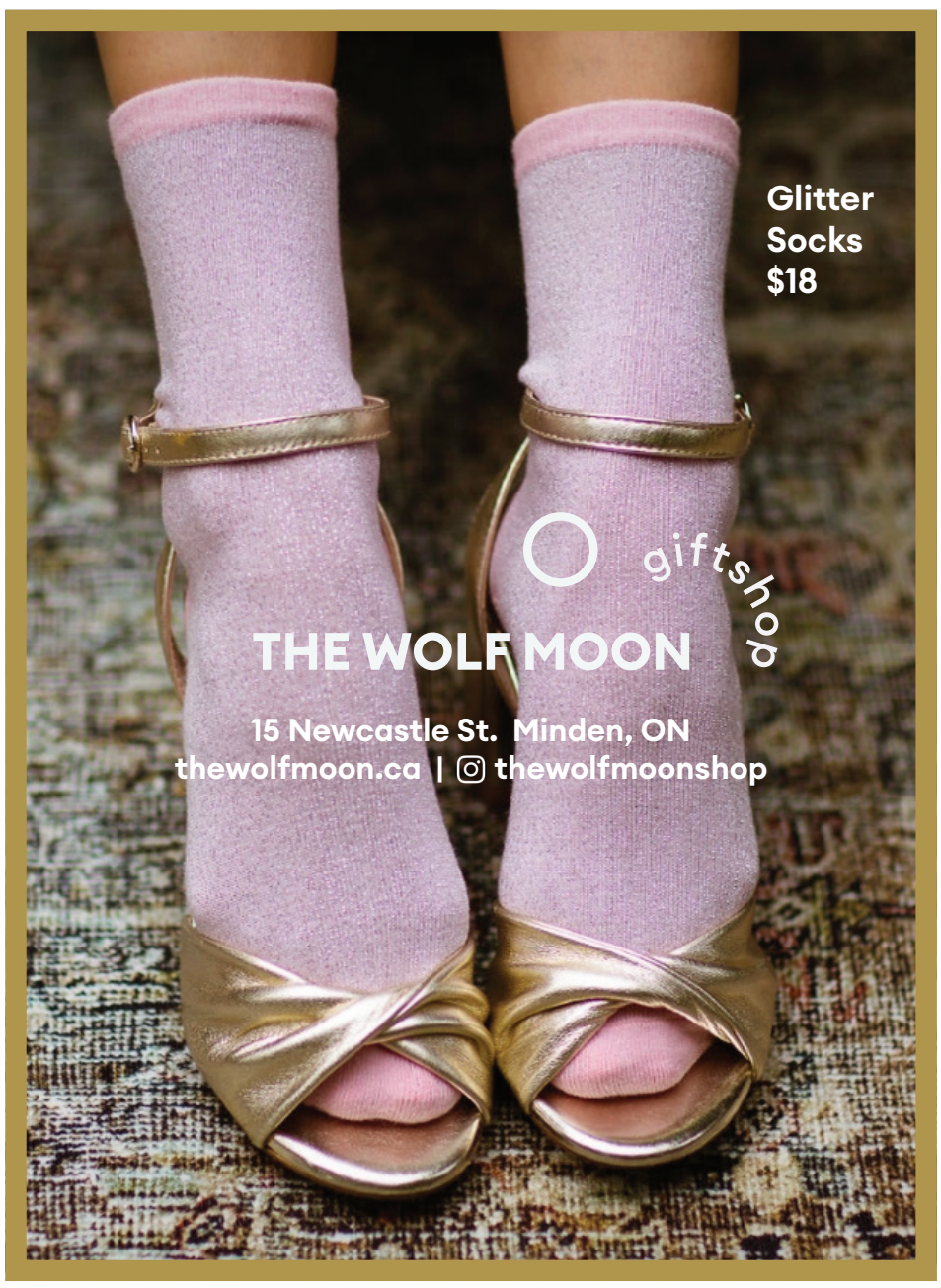
## Field of dreams

The annual Haliburton County Track and Field meet was held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Saturday, May 25. Students from Archie Stouffer ES, Stuart Baker ES, JD Hodgson ES, Cardiff ES, and Wilberforce ES had the chance to compete in running, long jump, triple jump, shot put, and discus events. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*




# Records made by HHSS athletes at Kawarthas

Red Hawk athletes had an outstanding day at the Kawartha Track and Field meet, setting two new Kawartha records, four new school records and many Personal Bests.

Novice Girl Addyson Parish established a new Kawartha Triple Jump record with a jump of 10.49m, far surpassing the previous record of 10.03m set by Kathryn Ward of Fenelon Falls in 2006. Parish also took home the title in the 80m Hurdles, with a time of 13.66 and the Novice Girls Long Jump, with a best jump of 4.68m, just three centimeters shy of the Kawartha record.

Novice teammate Fynn Gooley also shone in the pits, taking home first-place ribbons in Boys Long Jump and Triple Jump. Gooley won the meet with a best jump of 5.81m, also just 5cm shy of the meet record and setting a new HHSS school record, bettering the mark of 5.77m set by Evan Backus at COSSA last year. Gooley already broke the school record for Novice Boys Triple Jump at the Bay of Quinte Invitational the previous week, setting the new standard of 11.60m, up from 11.49m set by Connor Baird in 2011. Gooley also went on to place second in the 100m, running a fast final in 12.19.

The Hawks success in the pits continued with Junior Girl Jordanna Jennings. Jennings unleashed a big leap to also break the Kawartha record with a huge jump of 4.97m. The previous mark was 4.88m set in 2015 by Erin Armstrong also from Fenelon Falls. This was also a new school record for Jennings, breaking the long-standing record of 4.84m set by Anna Tomlinson in 1993. Jennings also placed second in Junior Girls Triple Jump and sixth in the Discus.

Senior Girl Erika Hoare continued the record-breaking streak, bettering her own HHSS 2000m Steeplechase record with a time of 8:04.94 to place third in this event. Hoare also set a new school record in the Senior Girls 3000m with a time of 11:55.16. The previous record of 11:59 was set by Stephanie Ratz in 2000. Hoare finished sixth in the highly competitive field in this event and ran seventh in the 400m Hurdles.

Kawartha champion titles were also earned by Brechin Johnston in the Junior Boys 1500m; Atticus Jorritsma in Novice Boys Discus; Hudson Horsley in Novice Boys Javelin; Graham Backus in Junior Boys Triple Jump and the Junior Boys 4x100m relay team of Graham and Evan Backus, Ben McMahon and Fynn Gooley.

Graham Backus rounded out his ribbon collection with two second-place finishes in the Junior Boys 100m and 300m hurdles; Evan Backus was second in 100m and third in both the 300m Hurdles and Long Jump. Jorritsma also added a second in Novice Boys Discus and fourth in Triple Jump to his tally.

Other top three finishes from Violet Humphries in Junior Girls 200m; Cheyenne Degeer in Senior Girls 200m; Haiden Bird in Senior Boys 800m; Deagan Davison in Novice Boys 300m Hurdles; Paige Hough in Senior Girls Discus; Ben McMahon in Junior Boys Shot Put and Brechin Johnston in Junior Boys 800m and the Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay team of Hoare, Hough, Degeer and Lily Manning.

Hoare, Degeer and Manning teamed up with Novice Girl Jordyn Hurd to also run to third-place finish in the Open Girls 4x400m, with a strong combined time of 4:31.

The coaches commend all the athletes on their excellence and mental and physical perseverance in the face of challenges. They would like to recognize Grace Allder, who stepped in on very short notice to run a strong leg on the Junior Girls 4x100m team; and Fallon Thorn for the amazing support of her teammates on the infield during very hot conditions!

The Red Hawks overall qualified 30 athletes and six relay teams for COSSA.

*See next week's Echo for COSSA results.*

*Submitted by Karen Gervais*

# Kevin Dunlop gives furniture a second chance

THOMAS SMITH
*Staff Reporter*

If you have been to the Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton recently, then you have passed by Kevin Dunlop's pop-up workshop which houses SIRCH's Last Chance Project. Beginning in May, Dunlop was brought on the SIRCH team to repair and restore furniture that comes to the Thrift Warehouse, before pieces end up in the local landfills.

"We often found that [the Thrift Warehouse] has to reject furniture that is too badly damaged and we suggested people take the items to the dump. We noticed the quantity of items that were taken to the dump and this became a stress for us. It's not what we want to happen, so I have been hired to take a look at these pieces that get rejected and if I think that they've got a chance at a second life and I've got the skill to repair them, then I take them over to my workbench and try to give them a second life," said Dunlop.

"Locally, I've been known for being on the Haliburton County Studio Tour for decades but I was formally trained as a furniture maker. I worked at it my entire life."

Dunlop no longer has his own studio. "I developed tremors. So now when I do very fine detail, my hands lose control so those days are done."

"I was in grade six. I was at a private school and I convinced my parents to change me over to a public school because a friend of mine told me about a woodworking shop that was there for grade seven and eight."

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May to October
Ask me about the Last Chance Project
Local handyman Kevin Dunlop loves to chat and offer advice on woodworking. Dunlop is excited to add his artistic flair to reclaimed items. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

"It's really satisfying and it's brought me back to working with my hands. I have always enjoyed the calm at the end of the day when you can physically see what you have done with your day," said Dunlop.

SIRCH assures that the furniture items that Dunlop works on will be sold for thrift store prices. Every item is donated by local people.

"A big part of what we're doing and why I am set up in the parking lot like this is to help educate people on things they can do themselves and show them techniques, try to inspire them to look at the thrift products with a different eye, something they can fix up at home."

"We've only got one piece left on the floor of the 20 pieces I have done in May. They've all sold but one. People seem really gratified that we are saving cubic footage from the dump."

The best part of the job is talking to the people as they walk in and out of the Thrift Warehouse, said Dunlop.

"When we were brainstorming this idea and having them come up with a low budget shop base, we looked at containers and found it not feasible. We went to Sunbelt Rentals locally here and they bent over backwards to get us this container at a very reasonable cost. We have also partnered up with Timbermart who is saving dent and damaged cans of finish to help save on the costs," said Dunlop.

"We've set it up so that I track my labour and materials and put it on a form and then I bring it to the crew at the receiving door and they treat it as if it had just come out of someone's car. They ignore the fact that I have had my hands on it. They assign a thrift store price to it and then at the end of the day we look at my hours and the price they can sell it for. That is where we will determine if the pilot program is profitable or not."

The Last Chance Project is the first of its kind for SIRCH and will run from May to October.

"We really invite people to come and pick my brain and to talk about techniques and their projects. We'd love to see before and after pictures of things that they've done at home. In fact, we will put them up on the wall here. We just really want to encourage the upscaling of old furniture. Giove people the ambition to look at their furniture in their basement with new eyes."

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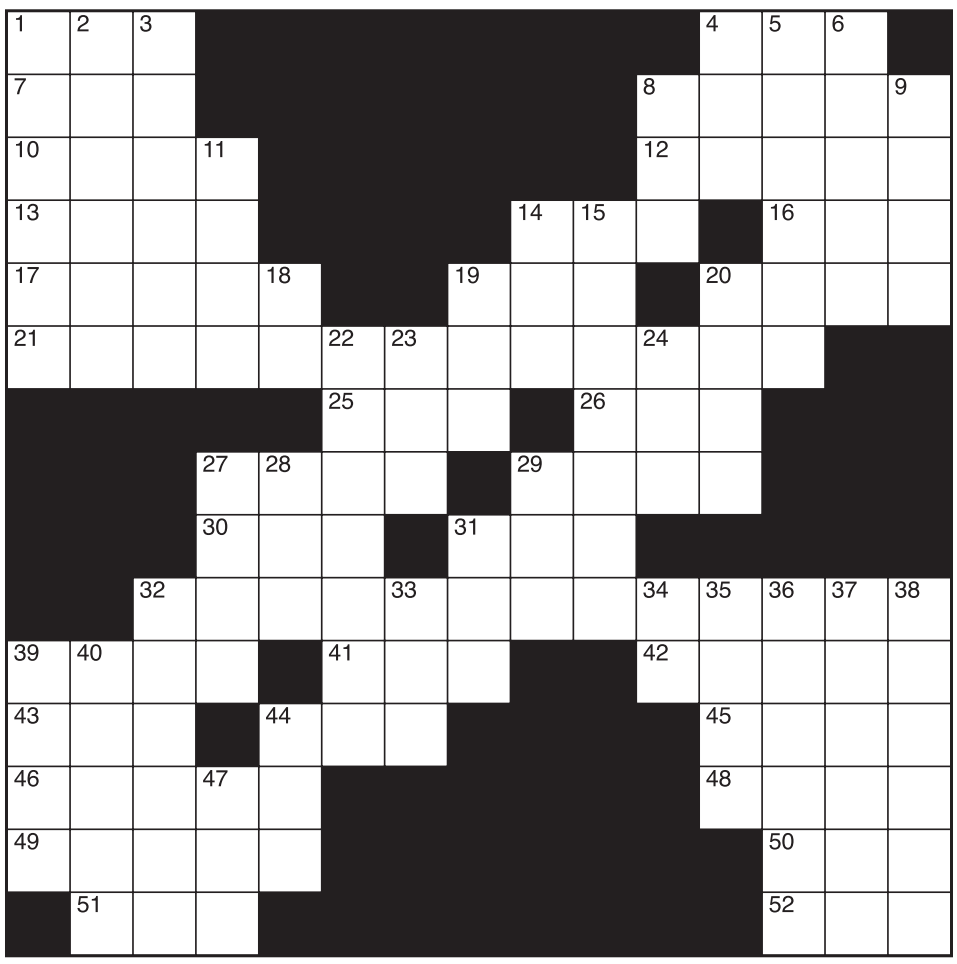

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14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
16. Former French coin
17. Levels the score
19. What stage performers do
20. Egyptian Sun god
21. Localities
25. Spherical body
26. Licensed for Wall Street
27. Perfect
29. It's on many people's heads
30. Boxing's GOAT
31. Photo
32. Popular HBO show
39. Popular music awards show
41. Pouch
42. Lake in Botswana
43. Unruly group
44. One-fourth
45. Very eager
46. Edward __, author and writer
48. Flying insect
49. Dragged forcibly
50. Thus far
51. Not just "play"
52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN
1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Brother or sister
5. Secret get-togethers
6. Type of tea
8. Where the action is
9. Cast out
11. Crime group
14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
15. Accept and handle
18. Sacrifice hit
19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
20. Month
22. Most thin
23. Naturally occurring material
24. Luke's mentor __-Wan
27. Postmodernist Austrian "House"
28. Aquatic salamander
29. Baseball stat
31. Beginning military rank
32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
33. Paddle
34. Caregiver (abbr.)
35. Old Irish alphabet
36. Japanese city
37. In a way, acted
38. Things to see
39. Nursemaid
40. Type of tooth
44. To be demonstrated

*Answers on page 15*

## Need for speed

The Ontario Watercross Racing Association held their race opener to kick off the watercross season at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on May 25 and 26. Local racer Tyler Charity placed third in the pro 800+ category. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

# Hal High Monthly

*Hal High Monthly is written by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School leadership class featuring monthy school news.*

## What's New At Hal High?

*By Kaelem Little (Grade 12) and Allie Todd (Grade 12)*

This month at HHSS there have been many different events going on throughout the school, including Western Week, Moose Hide Walk, Grade 8 Day, the Open House, and Camelot. The school has been busy organizing and planning these events for students and parents to enjoy. Our goal is to bring students together and foster a sense of belonging and community throughout HHSS.

Hal High hosted numerous different theme days throughout the year to keep students engaged and to keep a positive mindset throughout the school. This month the leadership class organized Western Week. They had themed days throughout the week such as Boots and Hats Tuesday, Belts and Bandanas Wednesday, Rhyme Without a Reason Thursday, and Flannel Friday. Our events committee had a huge blast planning and executing western week and are excited for what's to come!

Hal High also hosted the school's first annual Moosehide Walk, a walk to acknowledge Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women across Canada. Classes were given a time where they could walk around the school and read a handful of the numerous stories about missing and murdered women to develop a deeper understanding of how mistreated Indigenous people are in Canada, and how we are able to help.

Along with the Moosehide Walk, the school hosted a Grade 8 day to welcome new students into the building. It was filled with fun activities and games for the students to enjoy. The goal for this day was to bring excitement to the incoming students and bring down any worries or nerves they might have coming to High School. The day went very well and students were able to participate in activities they enjoyed and meet new people from all different schools.

Hal High also hosted an amazing open house for students and their parents. From tours around the school, fantastic food cooked all by the food class, and great booths set up throughout the school showcasing all the different community organizations, this open house really brought our community together! The night ended with "Hal High's Got Talent", where students within the school showcased their talents through everything from singing, playing instruments, a sneak peek at the play Camelot, and dancing from Haliburton's Skyline Dance Academy. It was a great way to end the night and really brought joy to the community to see our school and what goes into making Hal High what it is.

The senior drama class debuted this year's play "Camelot: (the Panto)". It was received well among family and friends who attended. The students had a lot of fun preparing for the show, along with learning about the history of British pantomime. Mrs Meghan Mardus had her first theatrical debut as a director and teacher at HHSS. She said it was a pleasure to work with such a talented and lovely group of people and she is excited for the future of theatre at HHSS.

Along with these super amazing events going on, there were many sports throughout this month at HHSS. The school had the opportunity to start up boy's rugby and had great participation. The boys had an incredible time, learned many skills, and were a great success. We also hosted some girl's soccer games here at HHSS which was a huge blast and the team played very well. Along with these great sports we had track and field going on as well; our track team did an amazing job and made it very far!

This was a busy month at Hal High, and we are excited to see what comes next as we gear up for the end of the year!

## Quoi de Neuf à Hal High?

*Par Ella Gervais (Grade 10), Erika Hoare (Grade 11), et Katy Hulme (Grade 10)*

HHSS avait un mois d' excitation, d'esprit et de fun. Il y a beaucoup d'équipes de sport qui font des choses incroyables ce mois-ci. L'équipe athleticism est allée au Peterborough pour se battre a Kawarthas. Ils avaient un jour magnifique avec 30 athlètes et 6 équipes de relais qui se qualifient pour COSSA. Addyson Parish a brisé le record de Kawartha pour le saute de triple avec un saute de 4.10.49m. Jordanna Jennings a aussi brisé le record de Kawartha dans le long avec un saut de 4.97m. Finn Gooly a brisé le record de long à HHSS et Erika Hoare a brisé le record de 3000m et le steeple-chase.

L'équipe de rugby a fait ses débuts cette année. Il a commencé avec deux jeux d'exhibition contre Fenelon, puis ils ont joué dans un tournoi à Aurora. L'équipe a très bien joué même si elle était contre les équipes avec des années d'expérience. Un grand merci à Johnny Lilly pour avoir marqué son seul essai. Même s' ils n'ont pas gagné un jeu, leur saison était un grand succès.

L'équipe de foot a joué dans le tournoi de Kawartha le 21 mai. Elles ont gagné leur premier match 4-2, et perdu leur deuxième match 3-1 pour être en deuxième place dans le tournoi. Lara Gallant a marqué 3 points et Tea Yates a marqué 2.

Le 8 mai 2024, le HHSS a organisé une journée portes ouvertes et un spectacle de talents pour permettre à la famille et aux amis de voir leurs talents et où ils vont à l'école. Différents partenaires communautaires avaient leur stand lors de la journée portes ouvertes pour montrer leur rôle au sein de la communauté.

Ce mois a été globalement un mois incroyable pour les étudiants du HHSS. Beaucoup d'enthousiasme, de créativité et d'enthousiasme coulent dans leurs veines. Le vendredi 17 mai 2024, le comité des événements de l'école secondaire Haliburton Highlands (Katy Hulme, Sierra Moore, Violet Crete, Sophia Gervais) a passé la journée à organiser une journée amusante et dansante pour les élèves de 8e année qui viendront au HHSS l'année prochaine. Ce fut un énorme succès, et des enfants de différentes écoles ont pu se rencontrer et devenir amis avant d'aller au lycée.

La classe d'art dramatique du HHSS a organisé un spectacle incroyable, Camelot, d'Alan Jay Lerner et Frederick Loewe. Il y a eu des drames, des rires, et même des pleurs. Les étudiants ont fait un travail incroyable en représentant leurs personnages et en respectant le scénario.

La classe de leadership a montré son soutien à la communauté autochtone en montrant des histoires de femmes autochtones disparues ou assassinées sur des poteaux autour de l'école et en portant des épinglettes en peau d'orignal le 16 mai 2024. Ils ont fixé des heures pour que les classes se promènent et ont aidé à sensibiliser au problème de peau d'origine.

Hal High a aussi organisé une semaine sur le thème du western avec des journées sur le thème du western et l'école a célébré la Journée internationale des enseignants le 7 mai en écrivant des messages positifs sur des post-its et les donner aux enseignants. Il y avait aussi un jour spirituel où les étudiants étaient habillés comme leur enseignant préféré. Il y avait beaucoup d'activités intéressantes et des efforts de sports incroyables ce moi a HHSS.

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**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**
**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

- **DATE:** Wednesday, June 12th, 2024
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.
  The meeting will be live streamed to YouTube.

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. D13-MV-2024-008 Montano

   - The following variance is requested to increase the maximum allowed height of a one-storey accessory building, on a property in the WR4 zone:

     a) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a one-storey accessory building to have a maximum structure height of 6.7 metres (22 feet) as opposed to the permitted maximum of 5.5 metres (18 feet).

   - Location: Part Lot 2 and 3, Concession 2, Part Lot 29, Plan 586, in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
     Roll No. 060-000-00357 - 1087 Eastview Road

2. D13-MV-2024-009 Graham

   - The following variance is requested to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming residential use on a property in the EP zone:

     b) A variance pursuant to Section 45(2)(a)(i) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming use for a seasonal dwelling such that the total area excluding decks is 178 square metres (1915 square feet).

   - Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 11, Lot 136, Plan 506, in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
     Roll No. 030-000-68800 – 1286 Benoir Lake Road

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**County File No: 4616-OPA-017**
**Applicant:** Township of Minden Hills
**Municipality:** Township of Minden Hills
**Subject Lands:** Geographic area of Township of Minden Hills in its entirety

Date of Decision: May 22, 2024
Date of Notice: May 29, 2024
Last Date of Appeal: June 18, 2024

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**With respect to an Official Plan Amendment Subsection 17 (35) and 22 of the *Planning Act***

A decision was made on the date noted above to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 17 to the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan adopted by the Council for the Township of Minden Hills on February 8, 2024 via By-Law No. 2024-017, and approved by County Council on May 22, 2024.

**Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment** is to update the policies relating to additional dwelling units, policies with respect to lot creation, shoreline protection policies, and policies with respect to new lot creation within 1000 metres of a settlement boundary.

This amendment applies to the geographic area of the Township of Minden Hills in its entirety.

**When/How to File a Notice of Appeal:**

Any appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) must be filed with no later than 20 days from the date of this notice as shown above as the last date of appeal.

The notice of appeal must be filed with the County of Haliburton and it must:

(1) set out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan or plan amendment to which the appeal applies; and

(2) be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the Ontario Land Tribunal in the amount of $400.00 ($1000.00 for corporations) payable by certified cheque or money order to the “Minister of Finance”.

(3) contain the completed Appellant Form (A1), which can be obtained directly from the Ontario Land Tribunal website http://olt.gov.on.ca/forms-submissions/

**Who Can File a Notice of Appeal:**

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the approval authority to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonablegrounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**When the Decision is Final:**

The decision of the County of Haliburton is final if a Notice of Appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal noted above.

**Getting Addition Information:**

Additional information about the amendment is available for public inspection during regular during regular office hours at the County of Haliburton Planning Department at the address noted below or from the office of the municipality noted above.

**Mailing Address for Filing a Notice of Appeal:**

County of Haliburton
Planning Department
11 Newcastle Street
P.O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Attention:
Elizabeth Purcell, Director of Planning
Telephone: 705-286-1333
epurcell@haliburtoncounty.ca

**Effect of Written and Oral Submissions on Decision:**

No written or oral submissions were received in response to the notice of application sent to every landowner pursuant to Clause 17(15) of the Planning Act and Section 3 and 4 of O. Reg. 543/06 as amended.

**Submissions from Public** - None
**Effect on Decision** - N/A

**NOTE:** No key map is attached as the amendment applies to the geographic Township of Minden Hills in its entirety.

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## 650 OBITUARIES

*In Loving Memory of*

### Dolores Marlene Lee (nee Sisson)

*Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton on Thursday, May 23, 2024 with her loving family by her side, at the age of 84.*

Beloved wife of Carmen Lee (2021). Loving mother of Joan (John) Stethem, Carol Lee, Joe (Aileen), James (Lorraine). Loving grandma of Robert (Melissa), Richard (Madie), Carmen (Matt), Connor (Makenna), Shannon, Mathias, Isaac and great grandma of Amelia, Elsie and Lennox. Dear sister of Darol (Beth), Elois Somerville, Sharon (Bob) Barnhart, Russell (Doreen), Zelda (Murray) Cooper and predeceased by Barrie. Lovingly remembered by her nephew Barry and Kyna Rowbotham and also by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Dolores's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment to follow at the Essonville Cemetery. Refreshments to follow at Stoney Lonesome.

Memorial Donations to Extendicare Proud Pioneers (cheque only), the Parkinson's Society or to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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## 650 OBITUARIES

*In Loving Memory of*

### BARNUM, Stewart A. "Stew"

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Stewart A. "Stew" Barnum of St. Thomas, in his 84th year. Dad passed away May 17, 2024, in his beloved Haliburton and has now been reunited with the love of his life, Judy (née Alexander) (2017). His children, Vicki-Lynn Keil of Listowel and Jamie Barnum of West Guilford will miss him deeply. Dad also leaves behind his grandchildren, Josh Keil (Lainie) of Listowel, and Nathan Keil and his fiancée Meghan Kerrivan of Mount Pearl, NL, as well as his great-granddaughters, Natalie and Kenzie. Dad will also be missed by his brother-in-law, Frank Hough and his children, Steven Hough (Kirsty) and Christy Gee (Ian). Dad was predeceased by his parents, Kathryn "Kay" (née Stewart) Barnum and Arnold Barnum, and by his sister, Patricia "Pat" Hough.

For thirty years, Dad served with the St. Thomas Fire Department, retiring in 1996 with the rank of Captain. Once retired, he and our mother spent a few weeks each winter in Florida. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and enjoyed a good round of golf.

A private family funeral service was held at the Sifton Funeral Home, 118 Wellington St., St. Thomas (519-631-1160), followed by interment in the St. Thomas Cemetery, West Avenue. Memorial donations to the charity of one's choice will be gratefully acknowledged.

Online condolences graciously accepted at www.siftonfuneralhome.com

*In Loving Memory of*

### Dorell Iles

*Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.*

Loving mother of Jo-Ann and her husband James McLeod and nana to her grandchildren. Dear sister of Doreen and predeceased by her sister Valerie and her brother Joe. Fondly remembered by her family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at both The Gardens and Highland Wood LTC.

It was Dorell's wish for cremation.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation- Highland Wood LTC (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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## 660 CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Beno Luna would like to express our thanks to many wonderful people. Thank you to the paramedics and ambulance attendants and the medical team at the Haliburton Hospital and to Miles Maughan and Les Pockett for their kindness and support. We are profoundly grateful to all neighbours and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, food and donations to St. Anthony's. We would like to thank Father for the mass and graveside service and thank all who attended the visitation and funeral mass. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to Dwaine and Lori Lloyd and Carley of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their compassion, kindness and support with the funeral arrangements and for providing a great lunch. We thank you all so very much.
*Miria and Flora Luna*

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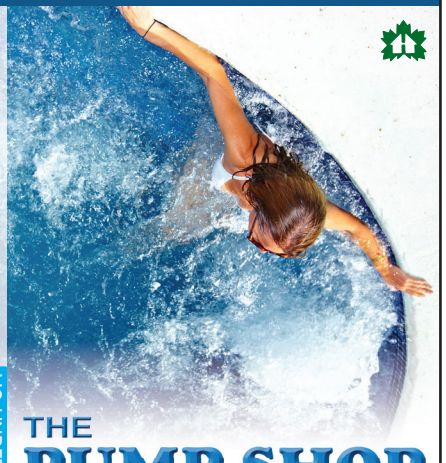

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Ted Carson and Shirley Hodgson demonstrate spinning and weaving at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Story on page 9

# No cuts made in school board's balanced budget

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

The board of education should able to balance its budget for 2201/2002 without having to reduce services.

It's even able to pull off this financial feat despite declining enrollment – and corresponding funding –, increased fuel costs and the enhancement of certain programs.

Last Tuesday night in Minden, trustees with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board were presented with a $145-million draft budget.

Although there are funding shortfalls in such areas as special education and transportation, there is enough funding through the province's new "flexibility" grant to make the budget balance.

Provincial funding is based on a per pupil model. Because there are 1.4% fewer students next year, the board will lose almost $2-million in student funding. (There will be a projected 112 fewer elementary students and 212 high school students. The latter is partly being attributed to a new Catholic high school under construction in Lindsay.)

However, the board gained about $3.5-million in other types of provincial funding. For instance, the province increased per student funding by $100 as part of the additional $360-million for education in the recent budget. That amounts to approximately $2-million more for Trillium Lakeland's 20,000 students.

As well, there's a new fund

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# Minister of Tourism arrives bearing cheques

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

While local businesses which rely on tourism were happy to know the provincial Minister of Tourism was discovering the beauty of the Highlands on Friday, other community groups also welcomed his arrival – especially since Tim Hudak came bearing cheques totalling $49,500.

As the minister responsible for the $100-million Trillium Foundation, Hudak doled out three Trillium cheques during his visit to the Highlands.

In Minden, he gave $10,000 to the Minden Lawn Bowling Club to help with operational costs and membership drives.

In Haliburton, Hudak presented the Haliburton Curling Club with $22,000 to improve facilities. The Haliburton County Development Corporation's visual arts committee received $17,500 for its new Glebe Park sculpture trail that will showcase the work of many artists and artisans in a natural and serene setting.

The Trillium Foundation gets its money from the province's gaming initiatives. There is a provincial board and also several regional boards which

*See* **Hodgson's** *page 12*

# *Lutterworth and Snowdon ratepayers benefit from Minden Hills' budget*

**ERIK MARTENSSON**
*Staff Reporter*

Minden Hills' new budget means some of the municipality's ratepayers are receiving a welcome surprise – a decrease in their property tax rate.

A comparison of 2001's rates with 2000's rates shows that while the residential ratepayers in Anson, Hindon and Minden will pay 0.5 percent more than they did last year, ratepayers in Lutterworth will pay 3.35 per cent less while those in Snowdon will see a 1.76 per cent drop.

With the new tax rate, a residential property in Minden Hills assessed at $100,000 will pay $951.95 this year.

Last year, the taxes for a $100,000 property were as follows: $984.96 in Lutterworth, $969.03 in Snowdon and $947.21 in Anson, Hindon and Minden The tax rate includes general municipal, county and education taxes - residents of the town of Minden Hills will pay additional taxes for their municipal water system.

Commercial tax rates are up 1.36 per cent in Anson, Hindon

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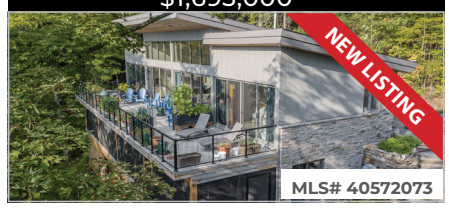


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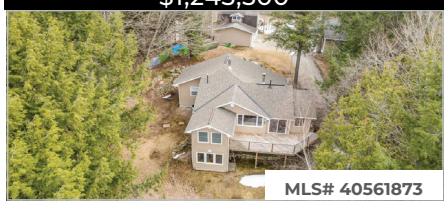

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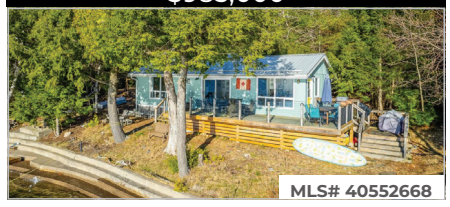

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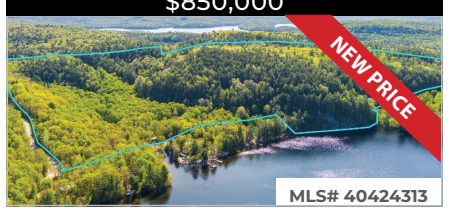


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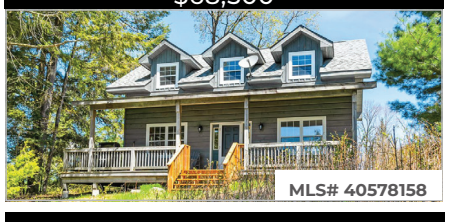

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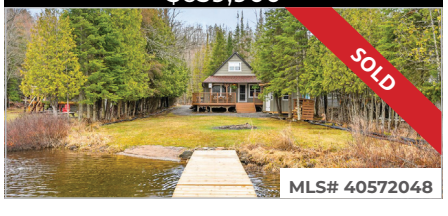


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